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Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance Commissioner Leslie Newman Appointed to National Insurance Producer Registry

Nashville, TN - - The National Insurance Producer Registry (NIPR) is pleased to announce the appointment of its newest board member, Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance Commissioner Leslie Newman. Newman represents the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) on the NIPR board of directors.

"Commissioner Newman's knowledge and experience is a valuable addition to the board," said NIPR Executive Director Maryellen Waggoner. "We welcome her insight as we continue to work to streamline and re-engineer the producer licensing process."

Newman was appointed commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance in January 2007. A graduate of the Washington University School of Law, Newman has more than 20 years of experience as a regulatory attorney. Newman has worked as an attorney with Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS) of the University of Tennessee, Institute for Public Service; served with the Metropolitan Nashville Department of Law as associate metropolitan attorney; and worked in private practice, focusing on land use, zoning, urban and municipal law, and government relations.

Incorporated in October 1996, the National Insurance Producer Registry (NIPR) is a non-profit affiliate of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC). NIPR developed and implemented the Producer Database (PDB) and Electronic Appointments/Terminations (formerly PIN). NIPR is governed by a board of directors that includes seven members representing the NAIC and six industry members representing a cross-section of the insurance industry. For more information, visit NIPR on the Web at www.NIPR.com.

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